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DRINK

Be one of the first 50 people in line at the grand opening of Toppers Pizza on Saturday to win a year of free food.

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DASHING THROUGH THE BARS

Houndstooth Saloon
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Unearth those reindeer-embroidered vests and snowflake-printed cardigans from your closet for the Ugly Sweater Pub Crawl, traveling through Wrigleyville all day to secret locations. Prizes are awarded for the best—er, ugliest?—ensembles. Noon. Saturday. $20-$30.

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EAT

MINTY FRESH

Tzar Ultra Lounge *215 W. Ontario St. 312-255-8927*

The autumn days of pumpkin-infused everything are over, so embrace the flavors of the holiday season at Peppermint Bash. Snack on various goodies, such as cupcakes, cookies and candies, or head straight for the chocolate fondue dipping fountain. Wash it all down with some holiday cocktails or wine and liquor tastings. 6 p.m. Friday. $20-$30.

DO

SHOP IN SPIRIT

Southport Avenue between Belmont and Irving Park

Take in all that the holidays have to offer at Southport Holiday Stroll in Lakeview. Listen to carolers, hitch a ride on a horse-drawn sleigh and check giftees off that never-ending shopping list. Various businesses along the way, such as MSquared Boutique, offer discounts, so don't fret about dropping big bucks. 5 p.m. Friday. No cover.
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HERE COMES SANTA KLAUS

Christkindl Market
4700 N. Western Ave. 773-506-2191

Get a little taste of Germany's rendition of the season at the three-day Lincoln Square Christkindl Market. Nosh on German food, sip on hot drinks and listen to live Christmas music. The event is outdoors under a heated tent, but be sure to pack some mittens. Friday-Sunday. Hours vary. $5-$10.

REDEYE TIP OF THE DAY Star-studded weekend, with celebrities such as Kelly Clarkson, Florence Welch and Forest Whitaker scheduled to be in town.

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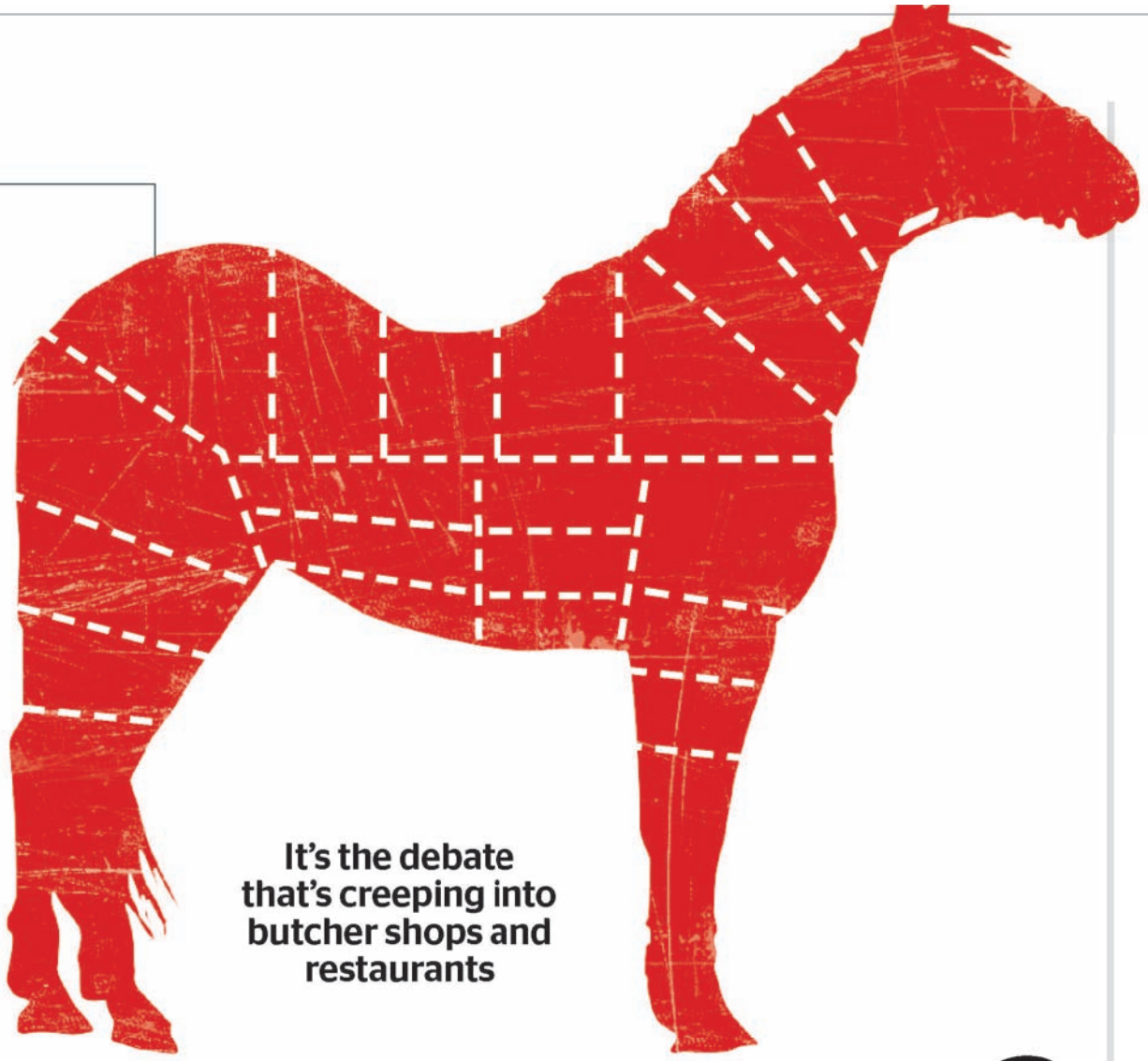
What does horse meat taste like?

Ryan Poli, executive chef of the forthcoming Tavernita restaurant, was cooking in Spain when he first tried pony.

"I thought it was beef, with this wet hay flavor," Poli said. "If you walked into a meadow after it rained, that's the only way I could describe the taste."

Andrew Zimmern, host of Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods," said "The meat has a very nutty and mineraly quality that I adore."



It's the debate that's creeping into butcher shops and restaurants

A horse a course?

Chicago Tribune

On the Facebook page of The Butcher & Larder, a Noble Square butcher shop, owner Rob Levitt posted a link Wednesday to an article about Congress lifting the ban on funding horse-meat inspections. The implication was horses could again be slaughtered for human consumption in the U.S.

The reaction, not surprising for fans of a butcher shop, leaned in support of lifting the ban.

"Meat is meat is meat," one commenter wrote.

Still, many others found the idea of eating horse sickening.

"This is the most disgusting and reprehensible thing I've ever heard of," one wrote.

And where does Levitt stand in this debate?

"People have a hard time eating Trigger but not a hard time eating Wilbur [from Charlotte's Web]," Levitt said Thursday. "As long as the horses are responsibly raised, I would try it if there was a demand."

Still, eating horse meat in the U.S. remains a cultural taboo, even though it can be found in restaurants as close as Toronto and in supermarket cold cases in French-speaking Canada.

"Horse meat not looked at as food is uniquely American. The rest of the world eats it," said Andrew Zimmern, host of Travel Channel's "Bizarre Foods." "The reason I'm very excited about this [ban being lifted], is that people eating donkey or horse means less feedlot cattle being consumed. We could literally change one meal at a time the bad parts of the food system."

Many chefs in Chicago share the "meat is meat" philosophy, saying they would be open to serving horse meat if there was customer demand.

"Public perception might be off-putting in the beginning, but I think people are open in tasting it," said Ryan Poli, executive chef of the forthcoming Tavernita restaurant. "I'd be excited to come up with creative ways to serve it."

Bill may allow for slaughter

From news services

Why is everyone talking about horse meat all of a sudden?

A 2006 federal funding for horse-meat inspections was lifted Nov. 18 as part of a temporary spending bill signed into law by President Obama. A result of the legislation, opponents say, is that horse slaughterhouses could soon be back in business.

Still, easing of the ban does not mean additional money would be allocated for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which would need to fund inspections within its budget as federal spending is expected to be trimmed next year.

Currently there are no horse slaughterhouses in operation in the U.S.—Illinois' Caval International was forced to close in 2007 when then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich signed the Illinois Horse Meat Act, banning the slaughter of horse meat for human consumption.

While eating horse meat is not explicitly illegal in Illinois, the law is written in a way that all but discourages possession (except, as stated in Section 2.1 of the Illinois Horse Meat Act, for ground or chopped meat no "greater than 3/4 of an inch in any dimension").

In a unexpected twist, the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is in favor of the USDA's decision, supporting domestic horse slaughtering instead of shipping horses to Mexico or Canada for slaughter.

"It's quite an unpopular position we've taken," PETA founder Ingrid Newkirk told the Christian Science Monitor. "There was a rush to pass a bill that said you can't slaughter them anymore in the United States. But the reason we didn't support it, which sets us almost alone, is the amount of suffering that it created exceeded the amount of suffering it was designed to stop."

POLL RESULTS

CNN asked readers if they would be willing to eat horse meat.

9.65% I have and I enjoy it

28.38% I haven't, but I would

19.74% Only under dire circumstances

42.23% I could never do that

Let's take this protest inside

Jen Kim
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I'm not camped out in front of the Federal Reserve Bank, nor am I marching across downtown Chicago with my fellow compatriots, even though I am more than 99 percent sure I should be.

After all, I am a fervent supporter of ending tax breaks for corrupt financial institutions—not to mention the creation of more jobs, universal health care and an annual wealth tax imposed on the very rich (i.e., not me, ever). In fact, I agree with nearly all the unofficial demands put forth by Occupy Wall Street and its noisy conglomerate of protesters across the globe.

So, why am I not out there in the freezing cold with my comrades, being a vigilante for justice, fairness and equality?

How do I put this gently? I'm not a fan of the cold or smelling urine all the time. No offense to the movement, but it seems like it wouldn't hurt for some of those folks to occupy a bathroom once in a while.

I get it; many occupiers do not have homes, jobs or 99 percent of anything they need in this world. But I still have to protest that they are doing it wrong, and that is why there are more people like me (entitled, lazy, dumb folks who have jobs and homes) who should get involved but simply don't want to because it's too chilly, it smells bad or may interfere with the latest episode of "Community."

Instead, Occupiers should go where the 99 percent live and breathe. Force us to care by invading the places we care about.

Dunkin' Donuts

At 8 a.m., that is where you'll find 99 percent of humanity. Set up camp before breakfast. Make signs and posters that explain how the government favors big business by pouring "extra cream and sugar" in their coffee while the rest of us are forced to drink it black.

Public bathrooms

Follow my earlier suggestion and occupy public bathrooms—at parks, malls, amusement parks, wherever. Plant yourself in a stall until the person who needs to use it agrees to convert to the cause. And trust me, he will. Use this scenario as a lesson on how occupying somewhere can absolutely change behaviors and mindsets.

The mall

For Black Friday this year, Occupy protesters rallied at shopping centers around the country to condemn corporations raking in high profits at the pinnacle of this economic crisis. Why limit these rallies to one day of the year? Why not fight irresponsible consumerism on a larger scale by invading our retail temples on a daily basis? Blockade entrances to brand-name stores. You will be greeted with a mob of angry shoppers ready to attack. Redirect their rabid energies into fighting the giant retailers that continue to thrive while they scramble and fight other consumers to find cheap and discounted products that are actually affordable.

The only way we will start to participate is when we are forced to—until we lose our homes, our jobs, our winning lottery tickets, we will forever remain, sadly, 99 percent lazy.

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CORRECTION

The pictures of former Illinois governors Otto Kerner and Daniel Walker were swapped on Page 3 of some editions of Thursday's RedEye. The correct labels are shown right.

Otto Kerner

Daniel Walker

TWEET INDEX

HOT RIGHT NOW

One month left to go

What was everyone talking about on the first day of December? Here is what was trending in Chicago on Thursday on Twitter.

#WhenIGo To7Eleven
Mmmm, Slurpees

McNabb
On the NFL market

Happy December
Already?!

Grammy
Kanye gets 7 noms

THE BIG TALKER

Congress recently lifted the ban on funding horse-meat inspections (story on Page 3), which naturally prompted the question: **Would you eat horse meat?** Here's how readers responded on Facebook.

I dont see why not... we eat cow, pig, deer... any differences from horse?
—Adam Schneider

Would you like someone to eat your dog or cat? ... My horses are pets to me.
—Pamela Carr

Mr ED Happy meal coming to McDonald's!
—Mert Barker

Yes. Gladly.
—Jillian SpankWilliams Soballi

As long as it's done humanely, i would give it a shot.
—Jeremy Scheuch

Beside being a tad stringy, horse tastes just like beef.
—Scott Church

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FRIDAY 41/33 Not bad

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SUNDAY 41/27 Up for snow?

FYI M-Rahm: City taxpayers should not be treated like ATMs to help cover renovations at U.S. Cellular Field and Soldier Field.

It's a car-towing blizzard

City removes 188 vehicles on first day of winter ban

Chicago Tribune

In the days leading up to Dec. 1, the first day of the overnight winter parking ban, officials repeatedly warned Chicago motorists: Move your cars or else.

But those who forgot or ignored it discovered Thursday that the city takes the ban quite seriously.

"It kind of slipped my mind," said David Pozniak, 28. "You come home every day from work, you don't really think, 'Oh, yeah, I can't park on this street.'"

Pozniak, of Austin, was one of 188 people whose cars disappeared from their parking spots Thursday morning after being in violation of the city's overnight ban, which took effect at 3 a.m. Chicagoans fared slightly better than the first day of the ban in 2010, when 215 cars were towed.

Clearing the streets of cars helps snowplowing after storms, but the ban is enforced even if there is no snow, as was the case Thursday.

"If [there] was a blizzard last night and the cars were in the way, I could understand," Pozniak said. "But it's a bright, sunny day. There's no snow and it's not messing up traffic flow yesterday or today."

Pozniak said his car was parked in the middle of an 8-mile stretch of North Central Avenue, where parking is banned between West Harrison Street and West Bryn Mawr Avenue over the winter. He called 311 and got a ride down to the 701 N. Sacramento Ave. auto pound to pay the $160 for his car.

Pozniak said Thursday was his day off from work, so he didn't need his car anyway. He conceded that he should have paid closer attention to the signs but said he thought the consequence was too severe.

"I think it's unnecessary to tow the cars," he said. "I understand that the law is the law, so give me a ticket. Aren't tickets there to remind us not to make that mistake again?"

THE RULE

Parking is prohibited on 107 miles of city roadways every morning from 3-7 a.m. until April 1, regardless of weather conditions. Parking on those streets can result in a $50 ticket, a towing fee of at least $150 and a storage fee of at least $10.

A worker at the auto pound on Sacramento Avenue checks in vehicles after the winter parking ban took effect Thursday. WILLIAM DESHAZER/TRIBUNE

DAILY QUOTABLE

"The change of route and the time brought it right in the heart of our sacred time."

—The Rev. Thomas Srenn, of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church in Boystown, where church and Pride Parade officials have been going back and forth over the parade's new route, which passes by the church, according to The Associated Press.

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EXPRESS LINES

- A man who pleaded guilty Thursday to killing a 20-year-old pregnant woman in Avondale last year by running her over with his car will serve 25 years in prison.
- Police issued a community alert warning of a man who asked a 13-year-old girl to get inside his vehicle Thursday morning in Belmont Central.
- The last 25 CTA rail car cleaners who were laid off last year will return to work this month under an agreement announced Thursday that also extends an apprenticeship program to give a second chance to convicted criminals released from prison. TRIBUNE

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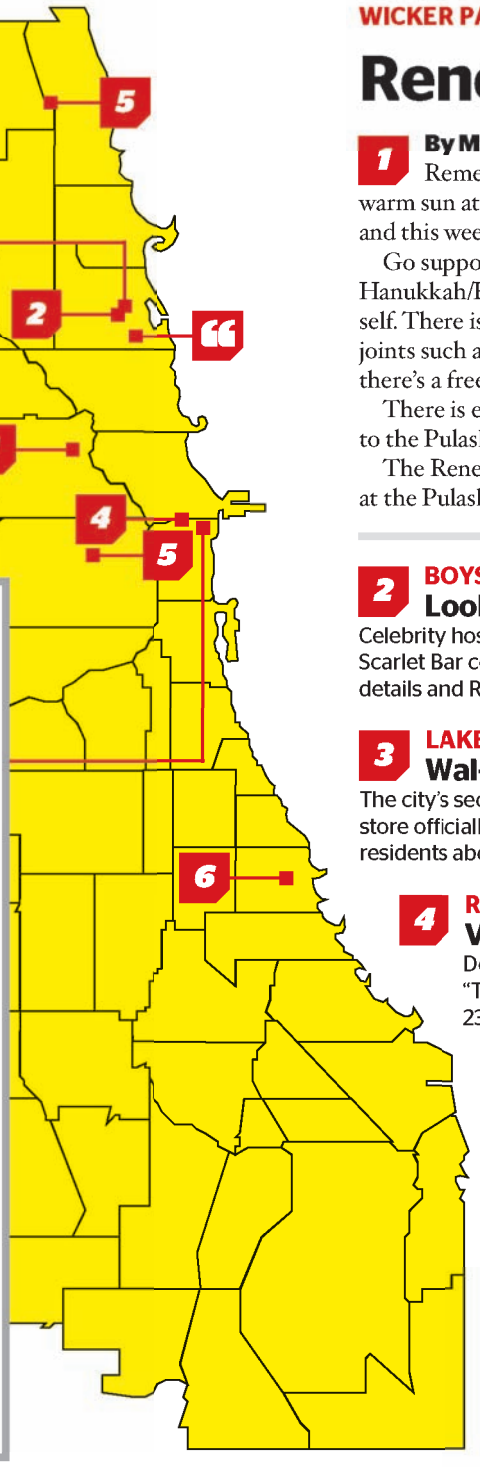
7 LOOP

City sues Park Grill restaurant

The city on Thursday sued the operator of Park Grill restaurant at Millennium Park, asking a judge to end a generous 2003 concession agreement with the Chicago Park District.



WICKER PARK/BUCKTOWN

Renegade Craft Fair returns

1 **By Melinda McIntire** REDEYE

Remember just a few days ago we were all gathered on Division Street in the warm sun at the outdoor Renegade Craft Fair? Well, it's already time for another one, and this weekend will be the Holiday version.

VIEWPOINT

Go support some local artists, buy some Christmas/Hanukkah/Kwanzaa presents or just something for yourself. There is, of course, music, food and drink provided by local and neighborhood joints such as Dusty Groove America, Reckless Records, Black Dog Gelato, and there's a free photobooth from Magnolia Photo Booth Co. Sweet!

There is even a trolley stopping at the six corners and Division street to take you to the Pulaski Park Fieldhouse and the Do-Division Holiday walk.

The Renegade Holiday Craft Fair runs from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at the Pulaski Park Fieldhouse at 1419 W. Blackhawk St.

2 BOYSTOWN

Look who's turning 4

Celebrity hosts Kaya Jones and Traver Rains will be on hand Sunday as Taverna 750 and Scarlet Bar celebrate their four-year anniversary. Visit **redeyechicago.com/hoods** for details and RedEye blogger Waymon Hudson's interview with the hosts.

3 LAKEVIEW

Wal-Mart opens officially

The city's second Wal-mart Express is now open in Lakeview, at 3636 N. Broadway. The store officially opened its doors Wednesday, with an opening ceremony. RedEye spoke to residents about the new store at **redeyechicago.com/hoods.**

4 RIVER NORTH

VH1 casting at Moe's

Do you suck at being in a relationship? Sounds like you're in need of some "Tough Love." The VH1 reality show is holding a casting call for women ages 23 to 39 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday at Moe's Cantina in River North.

5 EDGEWATER/NEAR WEST SIDE

2 spots added to historic register

A Chicago house and a former manufacturing building have been listed in the National Register of Historic Places. The Theodore Rozek House at 6337 N. Hermitage Ave. and The Creamery Package Manufacturing Company at 1245 W. Washington Blvd. were added last month.

6 HYDE PARK

$5M pledge for school

Hollywood producer Sherry Lansing, who graduated from the University of Chicago Laboratory School in 1962, has pledged $5 million to support a new arts wing there. The centerpiece, a 250-seat performance venue, will be named the Sherry Lansing Theater.

"After a brief hiatus of introspection and mischief, I'm back, and just in the nick of time (if you ask me) because Movember is FINALLY over!!" **—Molly Rutkowski,** Lakeview blogger

WANT MORE? Want to hear more from Molly? Find more of her neighborhood musings at **redeyechicago.com/hoods**.

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Santa Ana winds slam western states

Powerful winds continued to batter L.A., Las Vegas and other southwestern U.S. locales Thursday—downing trees, delaying flights and leaving hundreds of thousands without power.

Wind gusts stronger than 140 mph—which would equal a Category 4 hurricane—have been measured on the Sierra Crest mountain ridge, according to the National Weather Service. Other areas also have been hit hard by Santa Ana winds, with 80 mph gusts across Southern California.

It's all part of a system the federal weather agency called "the strongest easterly wind event in the past several years."

FAMU hazing fallout

1 Four students were dismissed from Florida A&M University amid fallout from the suspected hazing-related death of a university drum major, director of media relations Pam Tolson confirmed Thursday. Robert Champion, 26, died after performing at a Nov. 19 football game. He reportedly vomited in the parking lot of a Florida hotel and complained of not being able to breathe, authorities said.

18 killed in Iraq attacks

2 A car bomb killed 10 people and gunmen executed eight more in Iraq on Thursday, about 50 miles from where Vice President Joe Biden attended a ceremony in Baghdad to mark the departure of American troops. "Because of you and the work those of you in uniform have done, we are able to end this war," Biden said.

Eye on the prize

4 A Cartier pearl, diamond and ruby necklace owned by Elizabeth Taylor—and with an estimated value of more than $2 million—sits on display Thursday during a preview of The Collection of Elizabeth Taylor at Christie's in New York. GETTY IMAGES

Cain: My wife didn't know about friendship

3 A New Hampshire newspaper reported Thursday that Republican presidential hopeful Herman Cain never told his wife about another woman he befriended 13 years ago and helped out financially.

The New Hampshire Union Leader, which held an editorial board meeting with Cain during the day, reported on its website that Cain said he repeatedly gave Ginger White money to help her with "month-to-month bills and expenses."

However, the newspaper reported, Cain said he didn't tell his wife about the payments and his wife "did not know that we were friends until she [White] came out with this story" on Monday.

"My wife did not know about it, and that was the revelation," Cain said, according to the newspaper. "My wife found out about it when she [White] went public with it."

The allegation could derail Cain's presidential campaign. He told staffers he was reassessing the viability of his bid for the GOP nomination, and acknowledged to reporters Wednesday that the allegations by White led to a drop in campaign contributions.

In the newspaper interview, Cain continued to insist that he and White were no more than friends. Cain said he gave White money, but refused to divulge how much on the advice of his lawyer, the newspaper reported.

On Wednesday night, Cain told reporters in Ohio that he had discussed the allegations by White with his wife but was waiting until he could speak face to face with her Friday before making any decision about his campaign.

"I haven't had an opportunity to sit down with her and walk through this with my wife and my family," Cain said in Ohio. "I will do that when I get back home on Friday."

THE DIGIT

6,100

General Motors said Thursday it won't sell the 10,000 Chevrolet Volts it had hoped to sell in 2011, adding that it would buy the plug-in electric car back from any customer fearful about its safety. By the end of November, Chevrolet dealers had sold 6,100 Volts.

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FOUR SCORE

Each week before the Bears game, RedEye's sports crew gets to the point.

BEARS 21, KANSAS CITY 13

Tyler Palko is the Chiefs' starting quarterback. You'd be forgiven if you mistook him for Tyler Colvin or Steven Tyler, even.

Brian Moore
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BEARS 27, CHIEFS 17

Sorry K.C., but football players don't have names like "Tyler." Or "Kyle."

Phil Thompson
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BEARS 24, KANSAS CITY 10

Halfway through the third quarter, Kyle Orton rips off his Chiefs jersey, revealing a Bears jersey underneath.

Chris Sosa
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BEARS 31, KANSAS CITY 7

This one could get ugly. In garbage time, Rasual Butler might even get in. Uh, wait. Sorry, I'm really excited about the end of the lockout.

Bear Jordan

bears

Bears vs. Kansas City
Noon Sunday, CBS

Caleb Hanie has the friendly fans at Soldier Field to support him in his second start in place of injured Jay Cutler. Things get ugly, though, when fans start chanting for Donovan McNabb after Hanie's third interception of the game. Who needs enemies with "fans" like these ...

Whizzer's prediction:

Bears 19, Chiefs 10

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CHIEF CONCERN

BEARS NEED A WIN—BADLY—AGAINST KANSAS CITY. WHIZZER SEES IF THEY CAN PULL IT OFF

By Whizzer | REDEYE

When I was a spry young pup, my momma used to carry me around by the scruff of my neck. For those of you not familiar with canine behavior, that's normal. Loving, even.

Why do I bring this up in a column where I'm supposed to predict the weekend's NFL action and challenge you to beat me?

Neckbeard, of course.

Former Bear Kyle Orton is back in town, and he's likely to play against the his former team Sunday when the Kansas City Chiefs visit Soldier Field. He's not the starter, but don't worry, he'll be in. Chiefs starting quarterback Tyler Palko is terrible.

Lucky for the Bears, too, because they need this game to keep their playoff hopes alive with Denver and Green Bay looming. There really is no chance the Chiefs can compete with the Bears at home.

A win this week is great, but the Bears will need some help from other teams to help pave their way to the playoffs. Will they get it?

Here now, my NFL picks.

THE STARTING LINE » Blackhawks vs. N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m. CSN » Northwestern vs. Mississippi Valley St., 7 p.m. Welsh-Ryan Arena

Aaron Rodgers
GETTY IMAGES FILE

N.Y. Giants vs. Green Bay
3:15 p.m. Sunday, Fox

You fantasy football nerds should like this high-scoring affair. Bears fans should too. Why, you ask? Because the Giants are one of the teams in the mix to get an NFC wild-card playoff spot, just like the Bears. So, yay Green Bay. I just threw up in my mouth a little.

Whizzer's prediction: Packers 38, Giants 31

New Orleans vs. Detroit
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC

Another fantasy explosion. And another early Bears Christmas present. Like the Giants, the Lions are fighting with the Bears for that NFC wild-card spot, and this loss will haunt Detroit. Kind of like that Taco Bell I had last night is haunting me right now. Sorry, TMI. Moving along ...

Whizzer's prediction: Saints 41, Lions 28

Houston vs. Atlanta
Noon Sunday

This is where the Bears' good luck runs out. The Bears want the Falcons to lose, and at first glance this road game against the 8-3 Texans looks like a tough one for Atlanta. But the Texans are down to their third-string quarterback, T.J. Yates. That's a problem Bears fans can sympathize with.

Whizzer's prediction: Falcons 27, Texans 23

Arian Foster
GETTY IMAGES

THE REST
Here now, the rest of my picks, lightning-round-style.

- Tennessee 20, Buffalo 17
- Oakland 24, Miami 13
- Denver 19, Minnesota 10
- New England 44, Indianapolis 16
- Pittsburgh 28, Cincinnati 21
- Tampa Bay 23, Carolina 14
- Washington 17, N.Y. Jets 12
- Baltimore 27, Cleveland 17
- Dallas 34, Arizona 20
- San Francisco 30, St. Louis 9
- San Diego 24, Jacksonville 19

YOUR TURN
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» N. Illinois vs. Ohio, MAC title game, 6 p.m. ESPN2

» NHL names Jonathan Toews No. 2 star for November.

Forget the fancy math, Cubs

SACKED AGAIN

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I think I've got this sabermetrics thing figured out. I'm on to Theo Epstein and Jed Hoyer. After analyzing charts of data, tendencies, numerous situations, probabilities, outcomes, statistics, the Cubs have figured out they need to go after Prince Fielder and/or Albert Pujols. Well, duh.

I could have told you that. Geniuses, I tell ya. If they're so smart, how come David DeJesus is a Cub? Guy hit less than .250 last year. I want to see his metrics.

You know, watching these guys go after the big boys, I suddenly remembered something about the Boston Red Sox. They spent about a billion dollars for megastars, and that probably helped as much as the sabermetrics system.

So, don't fall in love with these guys and their magical formulas. There are none. Go find the best guys and pay them the GDP of a small country to come here.

Speaking of GDP, we celebrate the return of thuggery and underachievement to our culture as good news: the NBA is back!

Yes, Christmas Day. Can't think of a better way to celebrate the birth of our savior than to watch some prima donnas hit the hardwood. Count. Me. In.

I give the NBA credit. They're starting to figure it out. A Christmas start isn't bad, but the ideal would be to just have the season start with the playoffs. Everybody makes it, the whole season is a postseason, and you're done with the whole mess in 12 weeks. Everyone would love that.

Everyone, I suppose, loves their Big Ten championship game this Saturday. Everyone except me, and I went to one of the schools. Which one? The big one. With the party school rap. Oops.

Anyway, count me out. There's something about "Big Ten" and "domes" that don't mix. I need outdoors, grass and tailgating.

I also need good football. Caleb Hanie, you get a pass. It's not all your fault. Martzy not so smartzy, but the honeymoon is over. We need you to play to full potential: average.

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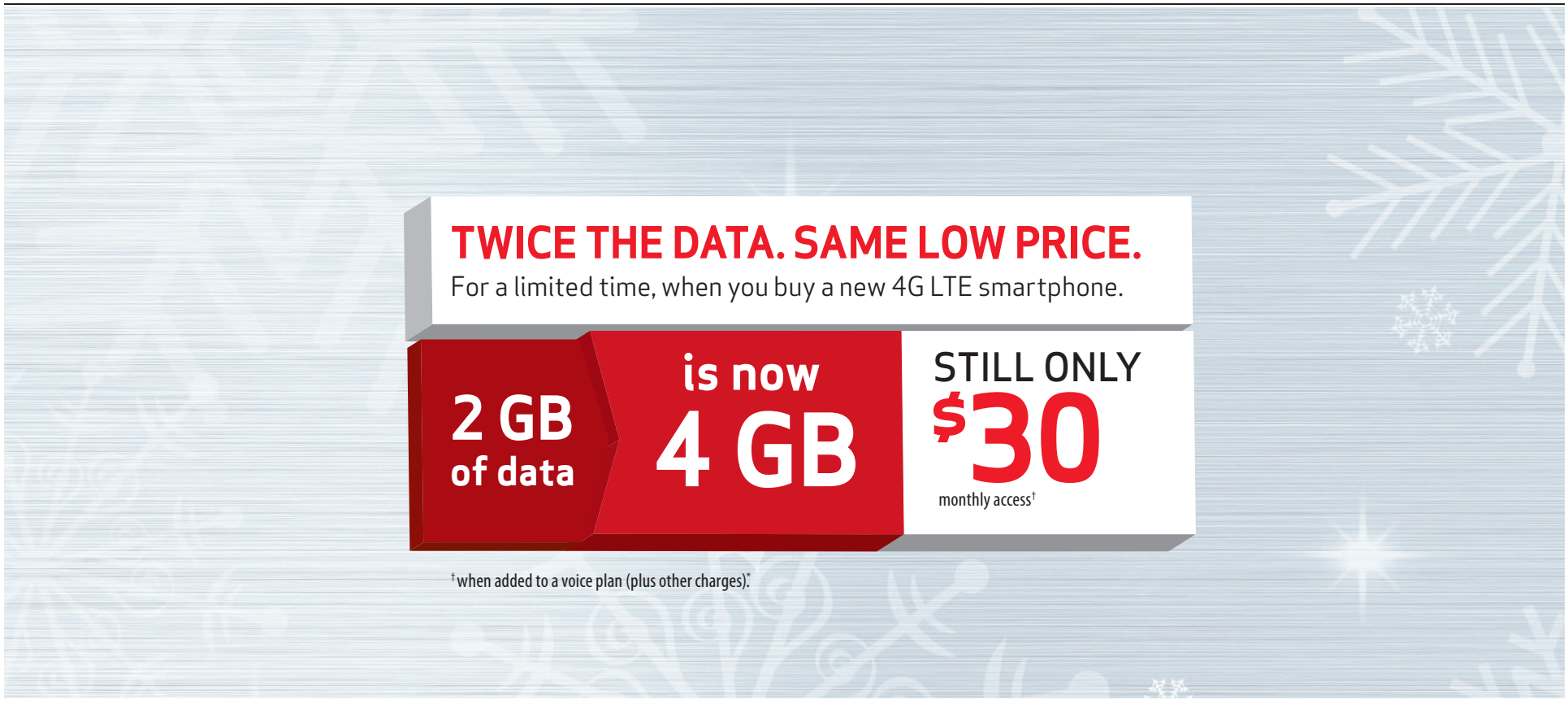
1 What's Caleb Hanie been doing to prepare for Sunday's start?	Recuperating from slams against him.	He's following in Jay Cutler's footsteps by getting engaged to JWoww.	Hopefully preparing to kick some heinie.	Playing the hell outta some "Skyrim."	Watching film of his interceptions ... over and over and over.
2 What are you getting Jay Cutler and Kristin Cavallari for their wedding?	His and hers "Cutty does it" robes.	Antique, hand-milled divorce papers.	Re-gifting the breadmaker I sent last time. What? I'm out of dough.	A donation to his foundation and a big glossy of Heidi Montag crying.	For Jay: mittens. For Kristin: pajama jeans.
3 How would you solve Corey Crawford's recent goaltending woes?	By encouraging him to network—with another team.	Goaltending's not hard; bowltending's hard. That one's for you, Tracy.	Simple: Fake a broken thumb.	Remind him that he's still better than Luongo.	Two words, Corey: Rockford Icehogs.
4 Why is Spud Webb coaching a stripper basketball team?	So he could finally have a shot with the ladies.	First: Story. Of. The. Year. Second: There's a "spread offense" joke that I just can't use.	Why not?	Because Spud Webb is living the American Dream, people.	Like all of us, Spud would like to spend more time with strippers. Especially female strippers.
5 Make a sports prediction for December.	Denver will celebrate Tebow's birth.	Santa will stage his own lockout, so Christmas won't start 'til March.	Our stomachs are going to be in knots for the rest of the Bears' regular season.	Bears clinch a wild-card spot before they take the field on Christmas night.	Bears: 3-1 for the month, earning the right to get knocked out of the playoffs early.



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Fun n' poses

Let's get a Tebowing-like craze for Chicago sports started, shall we?

RedEye

If planking didn't excite you. Or owling, or Batmaning or Tebowing, along came Peebowing this week, thanks to San Diego kicker Nick Novak, caught on camera urinating on the sidelines Sunday.

Well, it's high time we have an "-ing" craze based on a Chicago athlete. Why let Tim Tebow and Novak have all the fun?

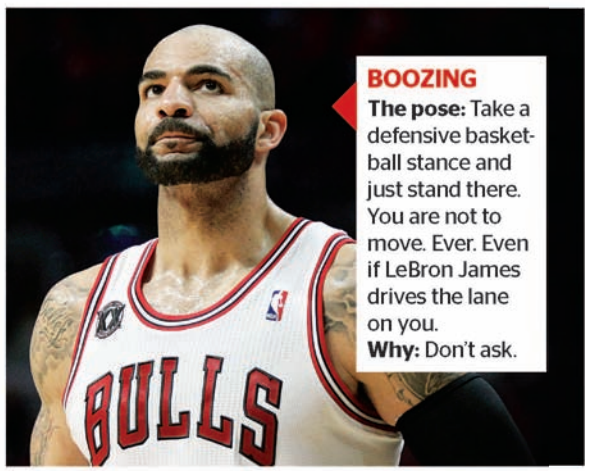
Here are some Windy City sports figures who could inspire us to strike a pose.

CUTLERING
The pose: Take a knee.
Why: Because the Bears quarterback has proposed to Kristin Cavallari twice and often takes a knee during Bears games, either to kill the clock or recover from yet another hit.

ALFONSOWING
The pose: Look quizzically into the sky with your baseball glove outstretched and place a baseball on the ground between your legs.
Why: An homage to Cubs left fielder Alfonso Soriano's many fielding blunders.

PEPPERING
The pose: Lay flat on top of another willing person.
Why: Because Julius Peppers is often pancaking opposing quarterbacks to the ground during Bears games.

KANING
The pose: Take your shirt off, put a big grin on your face and get a couple of lovely, er, mildy attractive women to sit next to you.
Why: You haven't forgotten the famous limo excursion already, have you?



BOOZING
The pose: Take a defensive basketball stance and just stand there. You are not to move. Ever. Even if LeBron James drives the lane on you.
Why: Don't ask.

One 'L' of a shoe

Since Derrick Rose's adiZero Rose 2 hit store shelves a couple of months ago, Adidas has released several alternate versions of the shoe. The latest is the "Windy City" version, which is inspired by the CTA's Blue Line, according to Adidas. It features a blue "L" on the back and an "L" map in the sockliner. It will be available Dec. 15. Happy holidays, Bulls fans.

Festivus for the Sox fan

It might be December, but the White Sox already are thinking about January's SoxFest 2012. On Thursday, the team announced some of the fest's guests. Adam Dunn, Tyler Flowers, Gavin Floyd, Phil Humber, Paul Konerko, Brent Lillibridge, Brent Morel, Alexei Ramirez, Sergio Santos, Matt Thornton, Dayan Viciedo and new manager Robin Ventura will be in attendance during the Jan. 27-29 fest.

On second thought ...

Thursday, RedEye brought you the exciting news Spud Webb would be coaching a basketball team of strippers in the Rick's Basketball Association, named after Rick's Cabaret in New York City. Later Thursday, Webb told **tmz.com** in a statement it was just an "ill-fated attempt at humor." Very funny, Spud, very funny.

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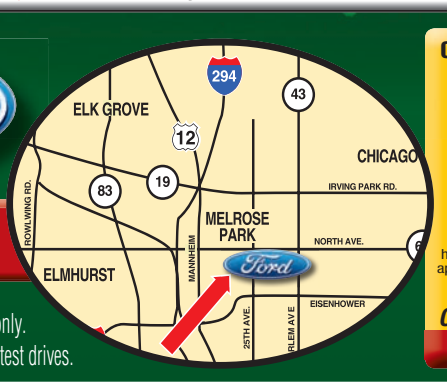

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Rose's next step? A title

Chicago Tribune

On the eve of last year's training camp, Derrick Rose surprisingly shed his aw-shucks routine and rhetorically asked why he couldn't be the NBA's most valuable player.

Seven months after achieving that goal, the youngest in league history to do so, the Bulls guard has another target.

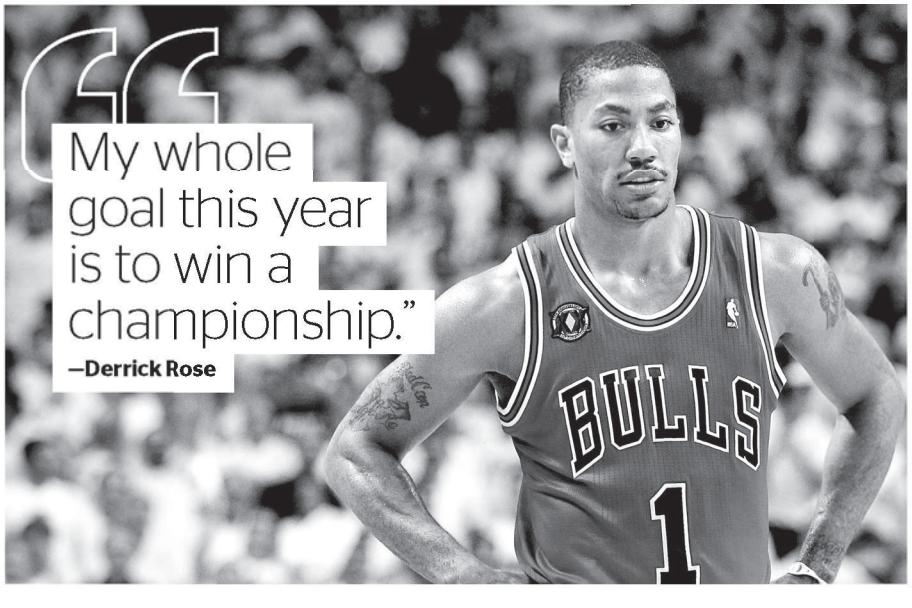
"My whole goal this year is to win a championship," Rose said Thursday at the Berto Center.

Not surprisingly, Rose was the first Bull at the practice facility on the first day such access was granted to players now that the pending collective bargaining agreement is near ratification. Rose even told Luol Deng he'd show up at 3 p.m., but said he got bored and arrived three hours earlier.

"I'm trying to be more vocal as a leader," Rose said.

Rose covered familiar themes, blaming himself for the Eastern Conference finals loss to Miami and saying the Bulls need no new parts to challenge for a title.

"I'm fine with my teammates," Rose said. "If [management] chooses to [add someone], that's up to them. I don't get into that.

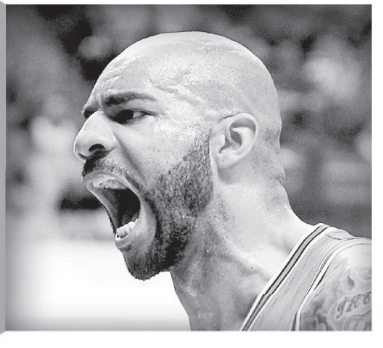


... If they choose to get another scorer, that's up to them."

Rose said he has worked on his post-up and isolation game this offseason and has improved his conditioning so he doesn't wear down at the end of long playoff runs.

Nothing short of a title will suit him at the end of his next postseason.

"Last season was our first time coming together, and we made it that far," Rose said. "This year we're more comfortable with each other. That should help us out."



DAY 2 **BULLS ADVENT CALENDAR**

The countdown has begun, Bulls fans. Today is Dec. 2; the Bulls open their season Dec. 25, so what better way to count down than with a Christmas-style Bulls advent calendar? Today, Day 2, is a set of earplugs for Carlos Boozer and his booming screams he unleashes on the court. See the video version of our advent calendar at **redeyesportsguy.tumblr.com/**.

Will the Butler do it?

Many people think the lack of a premiere shooting guard kept the Bulls from reaching the NBA Finals last season. Enter Dallas' Caron Butler. He's been working out in Chicago this offseason and is fully rehabilitated from surgery on his right knee. And one source close to Butler said the guard said early Thursday morning, "I hope I don't have to leave."

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THE NAKED TRUTH

MICHAEL FASSBENDER PLAYS A SEX ADDICT IN 'SHAME'— SO HOW DOES HE RELATE TO MARY POPPINS?

Michael Fassbender
LOS ANGELES TIMES

By Matt Pais
REDEYE

After the year "Shame" star Michael Fassbender has had, the GQ Breakout Man for 2011 should be in a good mood.

Still, anyone who has seen Fassbender in British director Steve McQueen's harrowing 2008 film "Hunger" or in the intense, NC-17 sex addiction tale "Shame," opening Friday, would be surprised, as I was, to walk into an Elysian hotel room to find Fassbender and McQueen dancing.

"Let's do the interview dancing, all three of us," Fassbender tells me, mid-shimmy. Soon Fassbender is singing Frank Sinatra's "Chicago." Later as I'm leaving, I hear the guys singing along to the Police's "Roxanne."

Speaking of "Roxanne," or men who pay for sex: In "Shame," Brandon (Fassbender) can't engage with the world except through his constant pursuit of sexual fulfillment. He frequently indulges in Internet porn, prostitutes and other women, with little time left to help his estranged sister (Carey Mulligan) who suddenly turns up asking to stay with him for a while.

McQueen, 42, and Fassbender, 34, who also stars in "A Dangerous Method," opening Dec. 16, spoke in frank, often-surprising ways about sex and "Shame."

Michael, how do you transition from one role to the next so effectively, and how nervous are you to make each performance as great as the last?

MF: I guess I'm kind of like that character in "Finding Nemo," the girl who always forgets stuff. What's her name? She keeps forgetting who she is.

Dory?

MF: That's her I think, isn't it? Because once I finish something I sort of flush it away; I forget about it. So my fear is very much alive and well on the next project because ... it's like you prepare a film, and you have people like Steve and [co-writer Abi Morgan], and it's in development for like two, three years—maybe four, five years—somebody's baby that they're trying to bring to life. So you want to make sure that, "God, I hope I'm not the weak link in this chain here." So there's always the nerves and the fear. But you mustn't let that stifle you. You embrace it and recognize it.

What other Disney characters do you relate to?

SM: Mary Poppins.
MF: Speedy Gonzalez. Why Mary Poppins?
SM: Because you can do anything. That's what I mean. From the furthest person you can think of.
MF: [Laughs.]

2011

Year of Fassbender

When Michael Fassbender says his 2011 was perfect, he's not just blowing steam. What could have made Michael Fassbender's great year even better: "Oh, jeez. I don't know. ... Everything's perfect as is," he told us. Check out how he's spent his year. **M.P.**

MARCH
Played Edward Rochester in "Jane Eyre"

JUNE
Played the man who would become Magneto in "X-Men: First Class"

NOVEMBER
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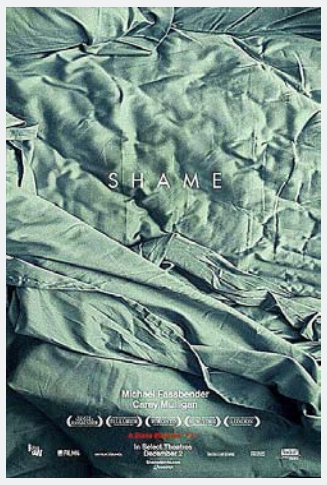

DECEMBER
» Plays a sex addict in "Shame," one of the year's best films.
» Delivers another strong turn as Carl Jung in "A Dangerous Method," opening Dec. 16.

*He's also reportedly being targeted for the lead in "Black Swan" director Darren Aronofsky's "Noah" now that Christian Bale has passed.

SM: He can do that. He has the capacity to do that.

Why Speedy Gonzalez, and what can we expect when you play Mary Poppins?
MF: You can expect some dancing, some singing, an umbrella. I like Speedy Gonzalez because I like speed. Not the amphetamine. But the experience of racing, stuff like that.

After seeing "Shame," people will likely have a new perspective on sex addiction. What would you say to someone who still doesn't believe that sex addiction exists?
SM: It's like [someone saying], "The world is flat," isn't it? What can I say?
MF: It seems like a real situation to me. It's like somebody running up and saying, "I've got a headache." And it's like somebody going, "No, you don't." People are coming forward and telling us their stories, and their lives are being literally torn apart.
SM: I think the way that people [going through] sex addiction are being treated right now is like people in the early '80s when people had AIDS and HIV. People are being ostracized from talking about it and not actually having any space to express themselves with this situation. It's making the stories look worse because people are uncomfortable with sex in general.

It seems like the studio embraced your decision to leave the movie as is, with the NC-17 rating.
SM: To their credit, I never had a conversation with Fox Searchlight about cutting the movie. I never had a conversation with Fox Searchlight about NC-17. Never. It never happened. They have been absolutely amazing. And the response for the film here has been just amazing. So we're just very, very pleased with it.

Do you think it will change the way people see that rating?
SM: Who knows? I hope so. Because I think we desperately are interested in seeing films we can engage with. This is a responsible movie.
MF: It's not exploitative.

Brandon's colleague at the office says, "Do you like your sugar?" and turns an innocent line into something sexual. What's something else that if people said it in a particular way, it could sound sexual?
MF: "Do you want jam on your ..." [Laughs, looks at the camera.]. "You got a long lens on your camera."

I asked your "300" co-star Gerard Butler, and he told me he cries frequently: What's something surprisingly not badass about you?
SM: I like wearing flip-flops. Often. Is that a good one?
MF: What weaker aspects of myself? I like cuddly toys, teddy bears ... I don't know. [Bleep.] I don't think I'm badass anyway! I think it's probably I'm trying to look for something that I do that is badass.

Michael, do you feel like a great actor, or at what point did you feel that way?
SM: Yeah, he [bleeping] does! That's a [bleeping] question I don't want him to answer! So he'll just [bleeping] shut up about it!
MF: [Laughs.] That's what I'm like. I always, before a scene, I'm like, "I am a great actor. I have the potential of being great." And then I pray to the [fake] god Actimus.

Everyone should do that. It works!
MF: I just feel lucky, man, to be honest. Really simply I feel lucky that I'm allowed to work with this guy and that I've been allowed to work with the people that I've been working with and the talent and trying to learn as much as I can. And doing what I really love doing at the highest level. For that I'm grateful. Touch wood. [Knocks on table.]

What's the worst piece of sex/relationship advice you've ever heard?
MF: "[Bleep] me, daddy." [Laughs.]
SM: [Laughs.]

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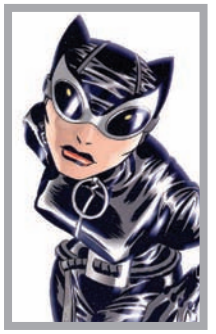
WHO IS SEXIER?

"Shame" takes a serious look at sex addiction. RedEye lightened things up by asking Michael Fassbender and Steve McQueen about sexy cartoon characters. **M.P.**



JESSICA RABBIT VS. CATWOMAN
SM: Oh, OK. Catwoman.
MF: Catwoman, easy.
SM: She's prowling. She prowls. She's sensual. Leather.
MF: Kind of dangerous. But I suppose Jessica Rabbit is too, though, isn't she?
SM: She's sassy.
MF: She could be dangerous too, though. I guess I see Catwoman more as an actual sort of person, funny enough, than I do Jessica Rabbit. I know they both come from cartoons.
SM: She's got a dirty mouth. Which I quite like.
MF: [Laughs.] She's got a dirty mouth!

MISS PIGGY VS. MINNIE MOUSE
MF: Minnie Mouse.
SM: Oh God. It's like pedophile.
MF: Bestiality, actually.
SM: [Laughs.]
MF: They're animals for god's sake.

WONDER WOMAN VS. BETTY BOOP
MF: It's gotta be Wonder Woman. That was my first feelings of excitement. I remember watching a woman on screen. It's definitely Wonder Woman.
SM: She's big, isn't she? Which is nice.

Brilliant, graphic drama goes far beyond sex

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Shame

(NC-17)

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The sex-addiction drama "Shame" has been rated NC-17 because of its nudity (something everyone experiences every day) and sex (something many people wish they experienced every day). Much has been written about the pro-violence, anti-sex rating system's foolishness, so we'll leave that alone. What deserves more conversation is star Michael Fassbender (Rochester in "Jane Eyre," Magneto in "X-Men: First Class"), who's fantastic in everything; in the riveting "Shame," he delivers the year's best male performance.

Shame

Brandon (Fassbender) spends most days in emotionless pursuit of sexual pleasure. A man of few words, Brandon's looks and charisma provide all the ammunition he requires, though a spectacular single-take scene of a date with a co-worker reflects both Brandon's inner tumult and his discomfort with intimacy. The guy may have an easy time picking up women, but connecting with them is another story.

Brandon has a void, and his constant attempt to fill it—driven by an uncontrollable urge—renders him disengaged and unsatisfied.

Director/co-writer Steve McQueen ("Hunger") doesn't attribute Brandon's behavior to anything specific in his past, and the movie's better for it. (How often does real-life addiction come with an easy explanation?) Exploring the dangerous spiral of an addiction some don't believe is a true addiction, the filmmaker seems especially interested in the deceptive power of a shared glance--when so much can be shared between two people who actually know nothing about where the other comes from.

In "Shame," life becomes reduced to ineffective language and highly representative actions. Seduction becomes both an art and a battle depending on who's doing the seducing and who's being seduced.

When Brandon's sister Sissy (Carey Mulligan, perfect) turns up at his place, asking to stay for a while, he accidentally barges in on her in the shower, thinking she is an intruder. She doesn't cover up as quickly as most women would if their brother saw them naked. Later, Brandon feels no shame when expressing his anger toward Sissy, climbing on her when he's wearing only a towel that's not really doing its job. Perhaps this demonstrates something about their shared, scarring history. Or maybe McQueen, telling a story about casual, numb consumption of pleasure and people with space to fill, is just focused on siblings who can't give each other what they need, profoundly aware of how naked we often are.

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- **The Descendants** (R) 1:20,2:00,3:55,4:40,6:40,7:20,9:20,10:00
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- **Hugo** (PG) 12:00,3:00,6:00,9:00
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- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 12:30,3:30,6:30,9:30
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 12:10,2:45,5:30,8:00,10:40
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) (Open captioned) 12:20,6:10
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00

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- **The Muppets** (PG) ★ 4:40,7:00,9:20
- **The Descendants** (R) 4:45,7:20,9:45
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 5:00,7:30,10:00
- **J. Edgar** (R) 4:15,7:00,9:50

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- **Hugo** (PG) 4:10,7:00
- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 10:45,1:10,3:35,6:05,8:35
- **Happy Feet Two** (PG) 11:35,2:05,4:30,7:05
- **Pastorela** (R) 10:50,1:15,3:50,6:10,8:35
- **Happy Feet Two 3D** (PG) 2:00,4:35,9:35
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- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 11:40,2:00,4:20,7:05,9:30

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- **Raiders of the Lost Ark** (PG) 2:45,7:30
- **The Heir Apparent: Largo Winch** (NR) 12:00 Midnight
- **Bellflower** (R) 12:00 Midnight

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- AMC Independent **Kinyarwanda** (NR) 11:00,1:45,4:30,7:15,10:05
- AMC Independent **Midnight in Paris** (PG–13) 8:15,10:40
- **The Ides of March** (R) 2:20,8:10
- AMC Independent **The Descendants** (R) 10:35, 11:35,1:30,2:30,4:20,5:20,7:15,8:15,10:35,11:15
- **Puss in Boots 3D** (PG) 10:00,12:20,2:45,5:10,7:35,10:15
- **Immortals 3D** (R) 4:35,7:20,10:10
- AMC Independent **My Week With Marilyn** (R) 10:10,12:40,3:05,5:40,8:20,11:10
- **J. Edgar** (R) 10:05,1:15,4:25,7:40,10:55
- **Hugo** (PG) 10:20,1:20,4:35,7:45,10:45
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- AMC Independent **Answers to Nothing** (R) 11:25, 2:25,5:25,8:25,11:30
- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 11:15,1:50,4:25,7:05,9:40
- **Hugo 3D** (PG) 11:20,2:20,5:35,8:35,11:30
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 10:40,11:40,1:35,2:35,4:45,5:45,7:20,8:20,10:20,11:20
- **The Muppets** (PG) 10:45,11:45,1:40,2:40,4:30,5:30,7:30,10:30
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 10:50,1:05,3:35,6:00,8:30,11:00

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- **Puss in Boots** (PG) 10:05,12:25,3:10,5:40,8:20,10:50
- **The Ides of March** (R) 10:45,5:05,10:55
- **A Very Harold & Kumar 3D Christmas** (R) 10:30 P.M.
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- **The Yellow Sea** (R) 10:50,2:40,6:30,10:20
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- **The Muppets** (PG) 11:55,2:50,5:45,8:45
- **The Muppets** (PG) 10:25,1:20,4:15,7:10,10:05
- **Jack and Jill** (PG) 10:55,1:30,4:10,6:50,9:25

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- **Arthur Christmas** (PG) 1:40,7:45
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- **Arthur Christmas 3D** (PG) 2:20,4:40,7:15,9:35

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- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) 10:00,1:00,4:00,7:00,10:00
- **The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1** (PG–13) (Closed caption) 11:00,2:00,5:00,8:00,10:55
- **The Muppets** (PG) ★ (Closed caption) 10:40 A.M.
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- **2 For 1 - Moneyball / The Ides of March** (NR) 12:00,4:45,9:30
- **Moneyball/Ides of March Dbl Feature** (NR) 2:40,7:25
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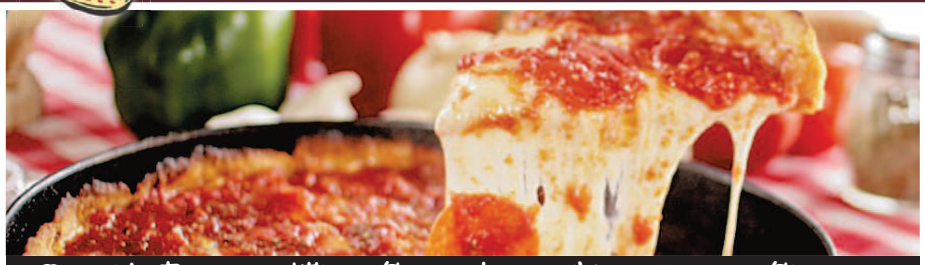

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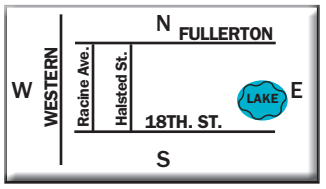

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'The Thin Commandments'

Stop the docs

America the Beautiful 2: The Thin Commandments
(Unrated)

When the body mass index (BMI) attaches the "overweight" tag to LeBron James—who's made up of approximately 1 billion percent muscle—clearly the form of measurement has a bug in its system. Documentarian Darryl Roberts, who began his career in Chicago radio, is right about that.

With "The Thin Commandments," his follow-up to the 2008 doc "America the Beautiful" that told us what we already knew about our country's fixation on physical appearance, Roberts gets everything else wrong.

Largely because he can't prove his point: Roberts condemns the CDC for releasing inaccurate information about the number of deaths caused by obesity, yet he provides numbers of his own without sources and trusts the statistics of people with no expertise in the field, as long as they support his position. That stance, mostly, is that people shouldn't worry so much about being thin. Few would disagree that the world focuses too strongly on a svelte figure as a symbol of strength, intelligence and attractiveness. Yet Roberts also dismisses doctors who recognize how many people suffer from health problems as a result of being overweight and talks only to larger people who insist they're in perfect health.

Roberts makes a sincere humanitarian, but he's a lousy journalist.

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Scary script really shines

Tyrannosaur
(Unrated)

In the first few minutes of "Tyrannosaur," a man kicks a dog to death, and another man urinates on his sleeping wife. If you're someone who goes to the movies to have a good time, there's the exit.

Your loss. The feature directing debut from actor Paddy Considine ("Submarine," "In America"), who also wrote the script, shines as an uncompromising character study about people's propensity for faith in the face of adversity, and anger that quickly transitions into cruelty.

Joseph (Peter Mullan) lives a lonely life with a short fuse, but he knows he's in the presence of goodness when he strikes up an unlikely friendship with shop owner Hannah (Olivia Colman). Of course, Joseph assumes she's just a kindly, well-off bore, not a miserable woman who fears her abusive husband James (Eddie Marsan).

Mullan and Colman, heartbreaking in different ways, hold it all together. Hannah's hanging on by a thread; Joseph's gradually realizing how he defines atonement and stability. They're the anchors of the film's scary, tightly wound world, in which everyone's spring is dangerously close to being sprung.

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Dane Cook stars as Ryan and Elizabeth Mitchell as Kate in "Answers to Nothing."

'Nothing' is the key word here

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Answers to Nothing
(R)

The examination of class in "Answers to Nothing" consists of Ryan (Dane Cook) briefly looking at a homeless person. The examination of race boils down to an African-American woman (Kali Hawk), who says she hates black people, deciding to look on the bright side. As for the discussion of infidelity, there isn't one.

Ryan simply cheats on his wife, Kate (Elizabeth Mitchell)—he's so sleazy he tells the romantic story of his grandparents' love while receiving oral sex from his mistress, Tara (Aja Volkman), causing him to be late to an artificial insemination session with Kate—and neither reflects on nor suffers any consequences from his deceit.

I don't think I need to go on, but I will. "Answers to Nothing" has no answers because it has no questions. Director/co-writer Matthew Leutwyler possesses no insight about sadness or human suffering.

He simply copies the people-in-L.A.-connected-as-if-only-seven-people-live-there structure of "Crash" and creates several poorly conceived situations for characters to endure without perspective. That means the tale of recovering alcoholic Drew (Miranda Bailey) selfishly insisting on caring for her brother with disabilities even though she's obviously not the best choice; totally unnecessary character Evan (Evanston native Zach Gilford of "Friday Night Lights") finding a dog and naming it after his sister, because that's the only girls name he knows; and an investigation of a missing 11-year-old girl that comes to a ridiculous end with no help from Frankie, the detective on the case played terribly by Julie Benz.

From Tara writing horrendous lyrics such as "You are relentless in the way that you ask me so many questions of my days in the city" to Frankie and Kate toasting, "Here's to pain," to Ryan complaining that he's "emotionally forgotten" the meaning to "intimate love," "Answers to Nothing" will make you hate words--and these idiots who refuse to stop saying them without actually saying anything at all. Speaking of which, Drew: Even after running seven miles, it's never OK to say, "I'm sweating like a rapist."

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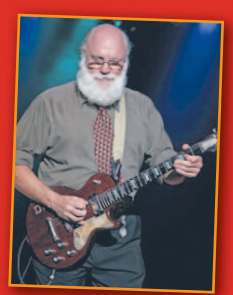

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Garity in 'Boss'

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After filming NBC's "The Playboy Club" and Starz' "Boss" here, Troy Garity misses the city.

"I'm going through total Chicago withdrawal at the moment," Garity, who also filmed the "Barbershop" movies here, said during a recent phone conversation from his home in L.A.

The actor doesn't have long to wait for his Chicago fix. Production on Season 2 of "Boss" is expected to begin here in January. Until then, you can see Garity in the final two "absolutely fantastic" episodes of the first season at 9 p.m. Friday and Dec. 9.

The phrase "absolutely fantastic" comes from Garity, but I couldn't agree more. The series, in which Kelsey Grammer delivers a powerhouse performance as Chicago Mayor Tom Kane, wraps the season in epic, Shakespearean style.

Garity's character, dogged reporter Sam Miller, values and seeks the truth as much as Kane seeks power. He believes in order for a democratic society to thrive, fact-based journalism must keep politicos honest and the public informed. He's fought all season with his bosses and the mayor's office to uncover the truth about Kane, his illness and his underhanded dealings.

But maintaining his principles can come at a high moral price, Garity said. "Everything he believes in becomes open for compromise the further he digs," the actor teased, wary of giving too much away.

But he did give away one fact—Sam will be back in the second season because Garity will be back in Chicago soon. And what is he most looking forward to when he returns?

"Well, this is going to sound perverse, but only because I'm from Los Angeles. I'm looking forward to the winter weather. I find it exciting," he said.

» Read the complete interview at **showpatroltv.com**.

4 reasons Troy Garity loves Chicago

- **The food, especially Twin Acres:** "I can't tell you how many ribs I've eaten."
- **The theater scene:** "Chicago has the best actors."
- **The filmmaking:** "It has the best film crews."
- **The people:** "I love how Chicagoans are involved. They just participate in their city. They're just not fools and I appreciate it."
- **The city's history:** "I sort of became obsessed with the history of the Chicago outfit."

ALSO ON TV

The Take *8 p.m. Friday (and Dec. 9, 16,23), Encore*

Keep your eyes on Tom Hardy. Before the Brit starred in films such as "Inception" or this summer's "Warrior," he scorched the screen as thuggish Freddie Jackson in the 2009 British miniseries "The Take."

His unblinking, brutish presence has turned a rather traditional and ultra-violent crime drama into something exceedingly watchable and suspenseful. The four hour-long episodes will air on Encore at 9 p.m. Fridays from Dec. 2-23.

As the story opens, thuggish Freddie is picked up from prison in the 1980s by his cousin, Jimmy (Shaun Evans, also terrific). Freddie brings Jimmy into the crime business, where they do a little of this and a little of that for mob boss Ozzy (Brian Cox), who is serving a prison sentence himself.

Without spoiling too much, alliances shift in surprising ways over the 10 years covered by the miniseries.

The payoff in the fourth hour doesn't quite match the buildup, but Hardy delivers. I can't wait to see him bring that same menace to the role of baddie Bane in Christopher Nolan's "The Dark Knight Rises" next year.

Rhys Ifans and Charlie Rowe in 'Neverland'

Neverland *8 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Syfy*

"Neverland" could use a little fairy dust.

Instead of soaring, the prequel to the beloved story of Peter Pan lands with a thud Sunday and Monday on Syfy.

The revisionist miniseries introduces Peter (Charlie Rowe) as an Oliver Twist-like leader of a band of London pickpockets and Jimmy Hook (Rhys Ifans), as his Fagin-like mentor.

The Dickens rip-off opening segues into a sci-fi story as Jimmy, Peter and the Lost Boys are accidentally transported by a crystal ball to Neverland, which turns out to be a planet at the four corners of the universe where no one shows signs of aging. They encounter a pirate ship run by a female captain, Elizabeth Bonny (Anna Friel), a tribe of Indians that includes Aaya (Q'Orianka Kilcher, awful), a giant spider, a 10-legged crocodile, a rich man named Dr. Richard Fludd (Charles Dance), Tinkerbell (Keira Knightly, wasted) and that fairy dust, which is called "mineral dust" here. (Ugh.)

Over the next four hours, writer/director Nick Willing dully shows us how Jimmy becomes Capt. Hook and Peter adds the Pan, and it feels pretty much like reading the list in the previous paragraph.

The special effects are generally laughable; there's little character development, and much of the "action" is predictable, not to mention unexciting. Willing manages to ring all the fun out of what might have been a marvelous, magical tale.

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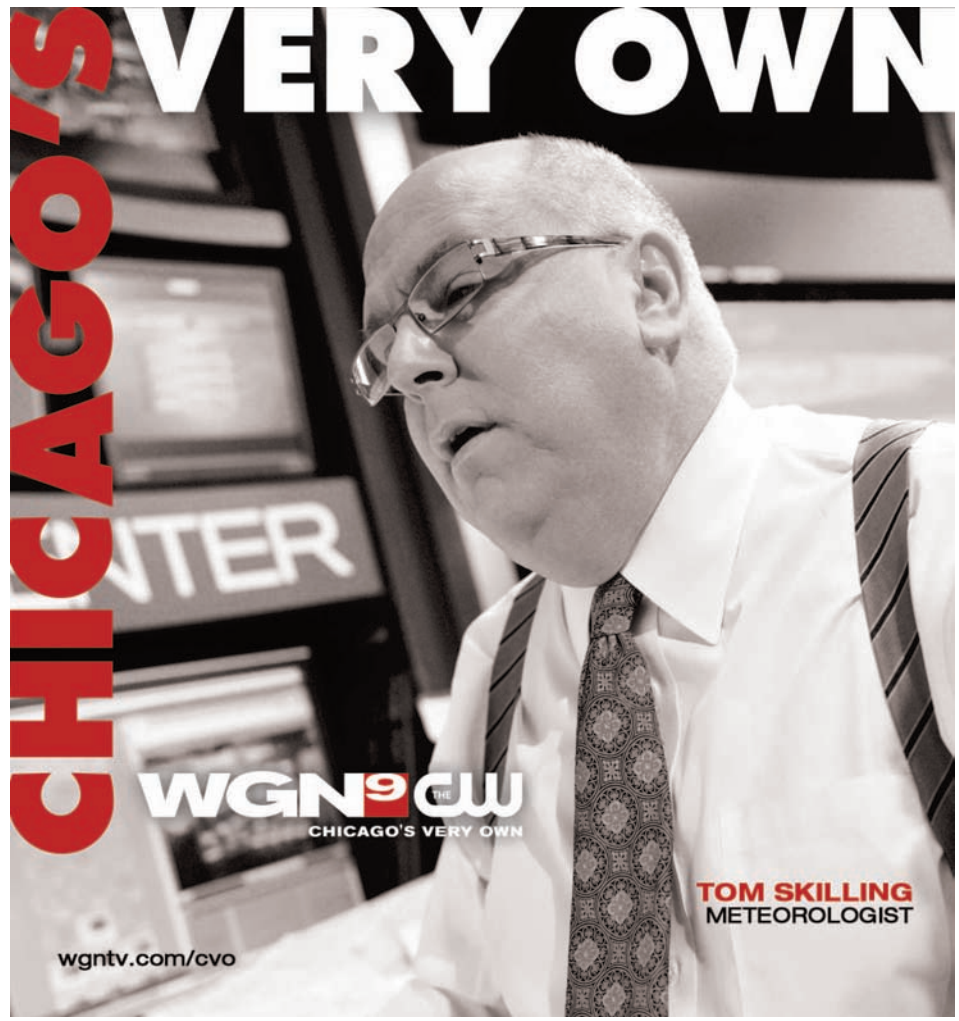

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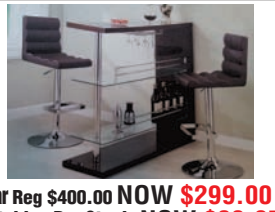

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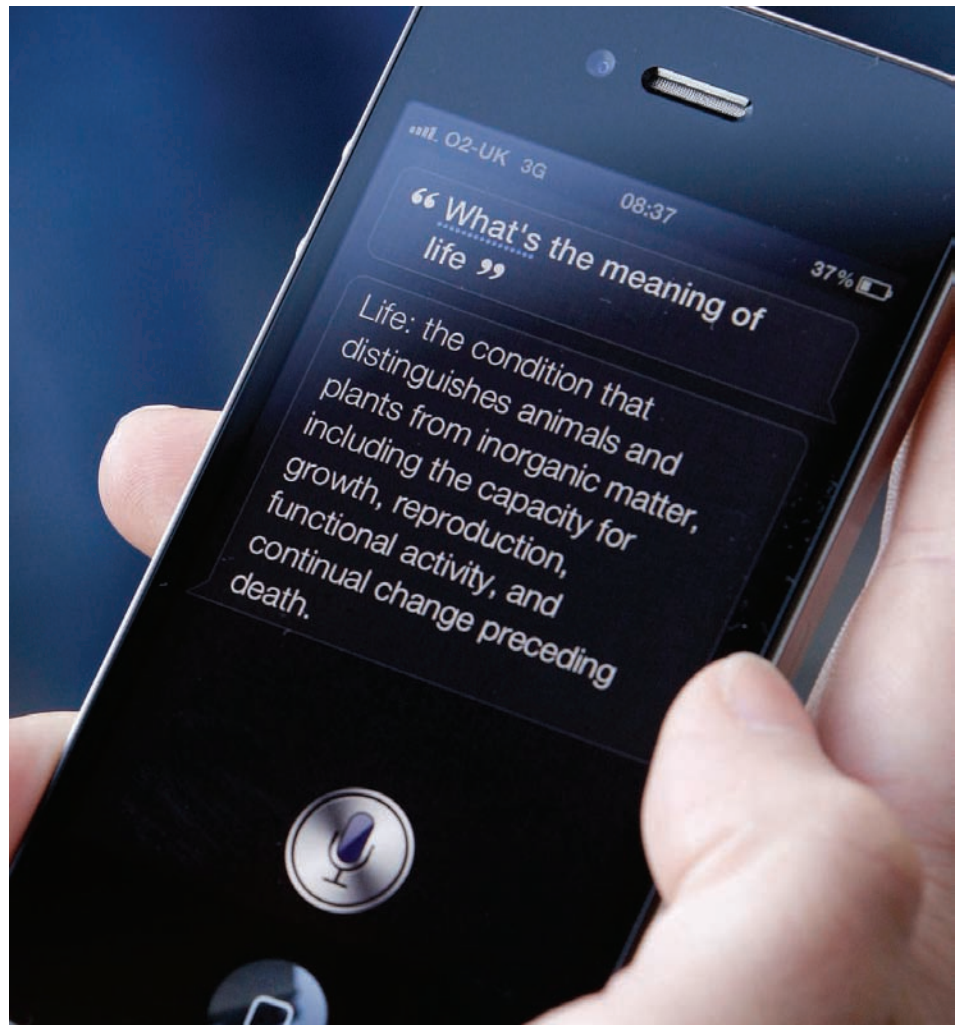

Siri, a popular feature of Apple’s new iPhone 4S, drew the ire of the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League when it failed to locate abortion clinics. **BLOOMBERG**

Apple’s Siri silent on abortion clinics

Reuters

Apple is facing its first major controversy over well-received voice software Siri after the cutting-edge iPhone search service ran afoul of abortion-rights advocates.

Siri—one of the most popular features of Apple’s new iPhone 4S—drew the ire of bloggers and the National Abortion and Reproductive Rights Action League when it could not locate abortion clinics when asked.

NARAL’s president, Nancy Keenan, dashed off an email to Apple CEO Tim Cook in which she complained:

“In some cases, Siri is not providing your customers with accurate or complete information about women’s reproductive-health services.”

But Apple said Siri’s inability to pull up information was not intentional, blaming the flaw on the fact it was still in beta, or testing, phase.

“Our customers want to use Siri to find out all types of information, and while it can find a lot, it doesn’t always find what you want,” Apple spokeswoman Natalie Harrison said. “These are not intentional omissions meant to offend anyone, it simply means that as we bring Siri from beta to a final product, we find places where we can do better, and we will in the coming weeks.”

Cook responded to Keenan with a similar statement, according to the group’s website, which posted the email.

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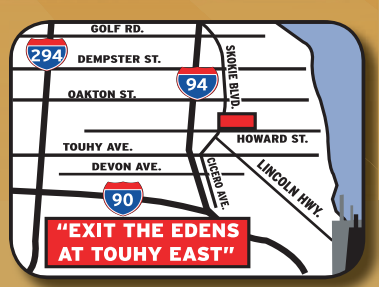

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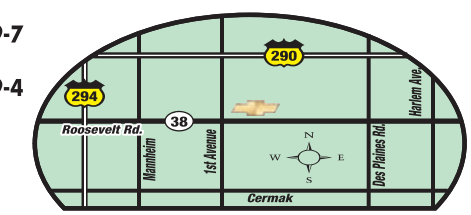

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Do I tell my friend I'm dating her ex?

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Q: Dear Anna,

I've been seeing one of my friend's exes. She was a very close friend years ago, but our relationship has dwindled. They were broken up for two years before he and I got together, but my friend was totally in love with him when they were dating, and he broke her heart. It took her a very long time to get over him; even when she has had other boyfriends, she was still hung up on him.

I thought it was just going to be a fling, so I didn't think it would be worth it [to say anything]. So we kept it on the DL. Now it's been six months, and we've become more serious than initially anticipated. He told me the ball was totally in my court as to when to tell her about us, since they didn't maintain a friendship after the breakup.

Well, my friend recently got dumped and is sending flirty text messages to my boyfriend/her ex. Her persistence is definitely affecting our relationship. Do I tell her? How do I tell her? Do I walk away? **—To tell or not to tell**

Anna Pulley
» redeye@tribune.com

So, don't rip up my NOW card (that's National Organization for Women) or anything, but I've never been a big believer in the "Girl Code," aka the unspoken rule that friends should never sleep with anyone their friends have slept with.

First of all, it's impractical. That rule diminishes your spank bank by at least 30 percent. Second, it's unrealistic. More often than not, we tend to sleep with people in our friend circles. Why? Well, there's a reason they're our friends. We share mutual interests. We get along. We've already surpassed the awkward small-talk stage of pretending to be interested in their job as an insurance adjuster. It makes sense that sometimes these commonalities translate to the dating realm as well.

And that's a reality that far too many of us deny because we're jealous and insecure and needy and possessive of those we've dated or who've seen us naked.

That said, I don't think dating should resemble a Wild West free-for-all where everybody has erections but not feelings. Nor do I think casual sex is ever worth throwing away an important friendship. But in your case, I'd say it's pretty cut and dry. A considerable amount of time has passed, your friendship with the girl has "dwindled," and the ex in question is someone you're now calling your boyfriend.

You're far past the point where you can try to simply ignore the situation and hope it goes away. And why would you? It has been two-and-a-half years since your friend dated your boyfriend. Unless you want to keep your relationship a secret indefinitely, it's time to air that stuff out, and it's better if it comes from you than someone else. It will be awkward, but it will probably get your friend to stop with the flirty advances and help her realize her ex is off-limits now.

How you decide to tell her I'll leave up to you, but be prepared to deal with the fallout. She might not want to talk to you for a while, or possibly ever. She might feel hurt or betrayed. If possible, resist making excuses about the situation or going on the offensive. Stick to simple truths. "I really like him. He makes me happy." Be sympathetic too. She was recently dumped and is trying to cope with that—perhaps not in the healthiest of ways, but getting over a breakup sometimes necessitates less-than-stellar behavior. Good luck! **ANNA PULLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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3. "I never check Facebook."
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4. "I'm not sure what I want ... what are you going to have?"
The truth: I know exactly what I want, but I'm going to wait and see what you get so I know how much you're spending/eating.

5. "I listen to all kinds of music ..."
The truth: I'm not confident enough in my music taste to tell you what I really like yet, so I'm just going to keep it vague...

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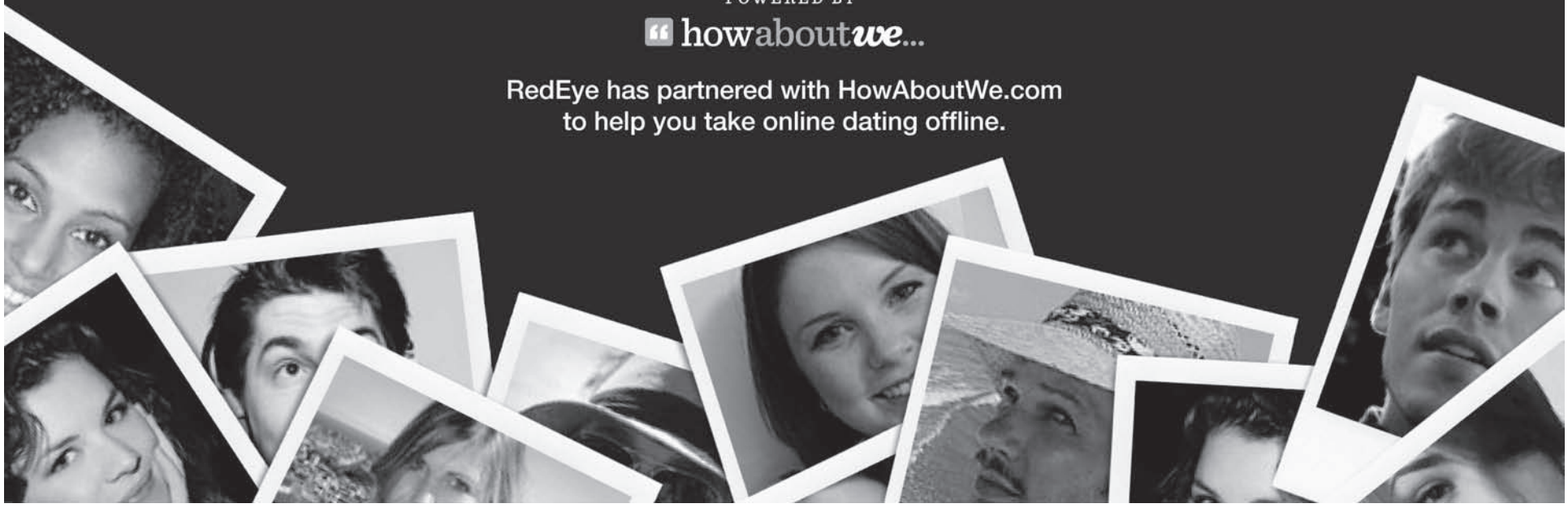

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Amanda Calo
Age: 20 'Hood: Lakeview
Favorite item your wearing?
Ugg boots
What are you shopping for?
Black Ugg boots

Matt Kirouac
Age: 24 'Hood: Logan Square
Favorite item your wearing?
Shoes from Aeropostale
What are you shopping for?
Puffy jackets

Natalia Kim
Age: 23 Home: Vienna
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Off to a good start

By Lisa Arnett
REDEYE

Watch out, Melman boys. Your Hubbard Street spots, Hub 51 and Paris Club, definitely bring the crowds, but the next block over—100 West—might be ready to give you a run for your money. Just opened right next to popular Epic and Hubbard Inn is Slurping Turtle, a Japanese tapas and noodle bar from chef Takashi Yagihashi of the award-winning Takashi in Bucktown. Even considering the three spots in the works across the street—modern Chinese restaurant Red Violet, a restaurant from Social Twenty-Five owner Roman Sanchez and a bar from the guys behind Bangers & Lace—it looks like Slurping Turtle will still have the most star power on this bustling block. Here's how I suggest you proceed.

Tan Tan Men noodle bowl and diners at Slurping Turtle (below)

Assorted items from the bincho grill at Slurping Turtle. LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE PHOTOS

First, take a seat

Chances are you'll be seated at the extra-long communal table that runs down the center of the dining room as I was, along with suited businessmen speaking Japanese over bento boxes during lunch or excited foodie couples and schmoozy restaurant industry folks for dinner. Groups of three or four might snag a spacious booth, and the small bar facing the open kitchen is best for solo diners. There's also a glassed-in balcony space with five booths—called "the fort," according to our server—where you might end up if you're really lucky (or if you're Grant Achatz and friends, if my eyes served me right). But with how busy the restaurant was on its Monday opening, you'll probably be happy to have whatever seat you're given.

Then go in for the grill

Bites from the bincho charcoal-fueled robata grill such as tender eel and gently charred skirt steak, were worth the wait. Regulars at Takashi in Bucktown will recognize some dishes from the menu's sashimi and hot tapas sections as carryovers, such as the ceviche, duck-fat fried chicken, gyoza and pork belly snack, plus the crispy phyllo-dough wrapped "bad hair day" shrimp that was on the restaurant's opening menu four years ago. The octopus and baby cucumber salad was crisp, fresh and properly vinegary, but once was enough for the lobster corndog. (Doesn't Graham Elliot have that patented by now?)

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The name: The turtle is symbol of good luck and longevity in Japan, and slurping your noodles is a compliment to the chef.

is known for his noodles, the copies of his cookbook "Takashi's Noodles" above the bar will be your first clue. The gigantic bowls on nearly every table should be your second. Indulge in the same richly flavored shoyu ramen served at Sunday noodle service at Takashi, or try new options such as the tan tan men, whole-wheat egg noodles with spicy miso broth and homemade sausage.

Be patient, please

Food runners were having trouble getting dishes to their rightful owners at the communal table, and we watched another diner receive their appetizer, noodles and bill in the time we were still waiting for dessert. I don't doubt that pacing will improve as the staff becomes more practiced or the opening crush lets up, whichever comes first.

Brace for cuteness

Cartoon logos can be cheesy, but I'm powerless in the presence of Tabo the turtle, created by local artist Kate O'Leary. You'll find this half-shelled cutie on the restaurant's facade and the drink menu, helping differentiate between types of sake. For the sparkling section, he's taking a bubble bath, for the bold/sophisticated section, he's donning a smoking jacket a la Hugh Hefner—hilarious. Speaking of drinks, the restaurant is limited to tea and soft drinks for a few more days until the full liquor stock is in early next week. Big bummer for debut week, though Binny's is a few blocks away on Grand and you can BYOB with no corkage fee in the interim.

BOTTOM LINE

Clearly, I'm not the only one who's psyched to have another downtown spot to snag Yagihashi's noodles without having to wait until Sundays at Takashi (or brave tourist mayhem en route to the Noodles by Takashi stand inside Macy's).

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LENNY GILMORE/REDEYE

Slurping Turtle *116 W. Hubbard St. 312-464-0466*
Groupies of chef Takashi Yagihashi are packing into his new River North noodle bar.
See **Pages 40 and 41** for our first look at the restaurant.

The Aviary
955 W. Fulton Market, 312-226-0868
The hot-since-it-opened West Loop cocktail lounge keeps tempting with photos of new drinks such as the "Hot Chocolate" and "Popcorn" on its Facebook page.

Anna's Asian Bistro
813 W. Lake St. 312-344-1090
This West Loop BYOB showcasing Thai, Korean, Indian and Japanese influences quietly opened earlier in November but already seems to be gaining fans.

The Barrelhouse Flat
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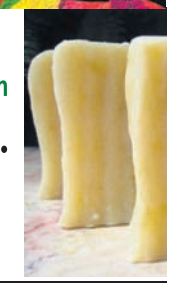

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The Knux
9 p.m. Sat. $10. Reggie's Rock Club, 2109 S. State St. 312-949-0121.

Rappers mix it up on new "Eraser."

Smith Westerns
9 p.m. Fri. Free with RSVP. Hard Rock Hotel Chicago, 230 N. Michigan Ave. 312-345-1000.

Not the most reliable live band, but it's hard to argue with the locals' songs.

Florence + The Machine, Laura Marling
7:30 p.m. Sun. $50. The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 800-745-3000.

Two artists, two of the year's best albums. Great show.

Kyuss Lives!, The Sword
7 p.m. Fri. $32.50, etix.com. Vic Theatre, 3145 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-472-0449.

A good, heavy dose of psych-metal.

FRIDAY

AM TAXI
10 p.m. $10-$12. Lincoln Hall, 2424 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-525-2508.

BRIAN SETZER'S ROCKABILLY RIOT
9 p.m. $42.50-$52.50. House of Blues, 329 N. Dearborn St. 312-923-2000.

CRYSTAL STILTS
10 p.m. $12. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

DAVE KOZ
8 p.m. $47-$87. Auditorium Theatre, 50 E. Congress Pkwy. 800-982-2787.

THE FRAY
7:30 p.m. $55-$75. The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 800-745-3000.

GANGLIANS
9:30 p.m. $10. Beat Kitchen, 2100 W. Belmont Ave. 773-281-4444.

MOON FURRIES
8:30 p.m. $6-$10. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

PETER MULVEY
7:30 p.m. $15. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

POI DOG PONDERING: THE AUSTIN YEARS
9 p.m. $26. Metro, 3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203.

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WHITE MYSTERY
10 p.m. $10. Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.

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3 and 8 p.m. $27.50-$47.50. The Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. 312-462-6300.

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA
3 and 8 p.m. $25+. Allstate Arena, 6920 Mannheim Rd., Rosemont. 847-635-6601.

WILLY TORRES
8 p.m. $21-$25. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

SUNDAY

M. WARD
8 p.m. $22. Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave. 773-525-2508.

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7 p.m. $3. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. 773-276-3600.

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9 p.m. $10. Double Door, 1572 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-489-3160.

SHAWN COLVIN, JAKE ARMERDING
7 p.m. $36-$40. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

STRAIGHT NO CHASER 7:30 p.m. $27.50-$47.50. Rosemont Theatre, 5400 N. River Rd., Rosemont. 847-671-5100.

TROUT FISHING IN AMERICA
11 a.m. $15. Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-728-6000.

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QUESTION OF THE WEEK

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What's so bad about Christmas music?

TWITTER

@annanacho
probably just the people who sing it. All the time, everywhere...

@yoga_tweet
Enforced joy without reprieve!

@ashley_boll
Nothing! I love Christmas music. It can get annoying if you work retail & hear the same songs over & over...

@BYOBandits Not nearly enough bass.

@aliboswurth
what's so bad about Christmas music? Justin Bieber

@arhakim
I've come to realize the majority of Christmas songs are depressing. If I wanted that, I'd listen to country.

FACEBOOK

T.g. Warford
There's really nothing wrong with Christmas music. It's the fact it starts playing on Nov. 1st! And how many renditions of "O Holy Night" can there be?!?

Nate Butala
The Christmas songs that creep up on you when you least suspect it and make you cry. EG: "Christmas Shoes" or "Grown Up Christmas List". All I want to do is buy my groceries, not cry!

Joel Tomas
Christmas music really set the tone for me when I was a kid. It reminded me of getting presents, sledding, and days off from school. Now when I hear it, it reminds me of the pending doom that I will face trying to get shopping done and fitting it into my schedule. Oh and when my sister throws on that HORRIFIC Partridge Family Christmas LP.

Kamaria J Morris
Christmas music just isnt as fun when you're single.

Armando Zarco
The worst thing about Christmas music is that it gives you homicidal thoughts as you stand in line for hours to purchase gifts.

Katie Sirles
All I want for Christmas is to NEVER have to hear Mariah Carey's "All I Want for Christmas is You" EVER AGAIN. Play me some drunk Dean Martin or Carpenters. Shoot.

Nick Tsinoukas
The only bad thing about Christmas music is hearing it before Thanksgiving. After that, I don't care how many times I'm singing along to Feliz Navidad!

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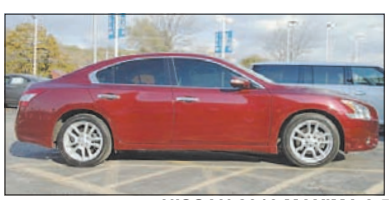

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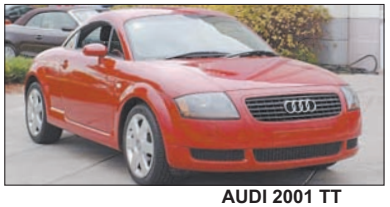

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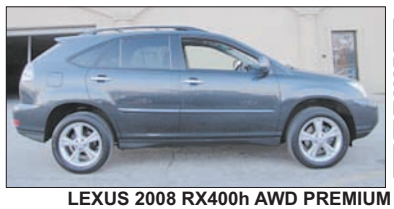

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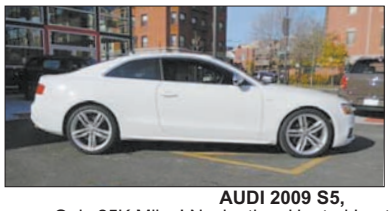

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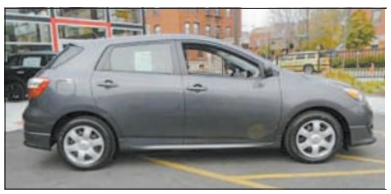

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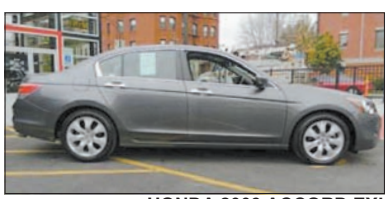

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SOUTHSIDE JOHNNY AND THE ASBURY JUKES, Saturday, March 3 ($29.50-$35, 17+) at House of Blues.

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THE ASTEROIDS GALAXY TOUR, VACATIONER, Tuesday, Feb. 7 ($14, 18+) at Lincoln Hall.

* **TODD BARRY,** Friday, Jan. 13 ($20, 21+) at Hideout.

ON SALE 10 A.M. FRIDAY

Dr. Dog

Saturday Feb. 18 ($22-$25, 18+) at Vic Theatre.

* **WYATT CENAC,** Saturday, Jan. 14 ($20, 21+) at Hideout.

THE DIG, COMMUNIST DAUGHTER, Friday, Jan. 20 ($10-$12, 18+) at Schubas.

JEFFREY FOUCAULT, Friday, Feb. 24 ($14-$16, 21+) at Schubas.

INGRAM HILL, MATT DUKE, Friday, Feb. 10 ($18, 18+) at Schubas.

KEVIN HEARN AND THINBUCKLE, Tuesday, Jan. 24 ($10-$12, 21+) at Schubas.

CASS MCCOMBS, FRANK FAIRFIELD, Sunday, Jan. 29 ($15, 21+) at Lincoln Hall.

CHEYENNE MARIE MIZE, Wednesday, Jan. 25 ($10-$12, 21+) at Schubas.

RED WANTING BLUE, Tuesday, Feb. 7 ($12-$15, 21+) at Schubas.

WHITEHORSE, Saturday, March 3 ($8-$10, 21+) at Schubas.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

KASABIAN, Monday, April 2 ($20, all ages) at Vic Theatre.

NEEDTOBREATHE, BEN RECTOR, Saturday, March 31 ($25, all ages) at Riviera Theatre.

ON SALE 10 A.M. SATURDAY

Punch Brothers

Thursday, March 1 ($22-$25, all ages) at Park West.

ON SALE NOON SATURDAY

DIE ANTWOORD, Wednesday, Feb. 15 ($22, all ages) at Metro.

THE LAWRENCE ARMS, HOLY MESS, LORD, Saturday, Jan. 7 ($21, all ages) at Metro.

TANNER ROSS, SLOW HANDS, NICK BASSETT, Saturday, Jan. 28 ($7-$15, 21+) at Smart Bar.

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2008 Pontiac Torrent — #P1041, Auto, AC, PL, PW, PM, Tilt, Cruise, CD, Low Miles — $13,999 - $319/mo for 60 mos!*

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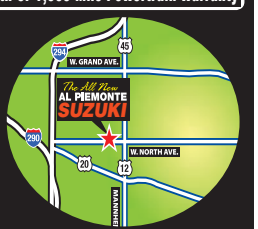

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NEW

Pharaohs *SBTRKT*

Confession: I have the biggest crush on London-based musician SBTRKT, and I have never seen his face! (He—or she—wears a tribal mask when performing.) I get butterflies, tingles and feel dizzy whenever I listen to their mega track "Pharaohs." It's moody and dance-y with the perfect dash of soul. If I were to show you how many times I've played this song since I've added it to my Spotify playlists, you'd be embarrassed for me. I say: It's love!

BEST SONG TO BREW COFFEE TO

On & On

Longpigs

My favorite kind of songs are the ones that seem to fit your current life soundtrack at any given time. That's how I feel about "On & On." It can be a song that makes me smile, cry or feel inspired to get rad that day. It's the perfect song to brew coffee to, especially on (Mugshot) Mondays because it's exactly what I need, whatever that may be, on that given morning.

OLD

Superstition

Stevie Wonder

As a Detroit native I was raised on super-delicious Motown. My absolute favorite song though is "Superstition" by Stevie Wonder. I honestly don't trust anyone who doesn't bop their head after hearing the opening drum beat and bass riff. It's just so darn good.

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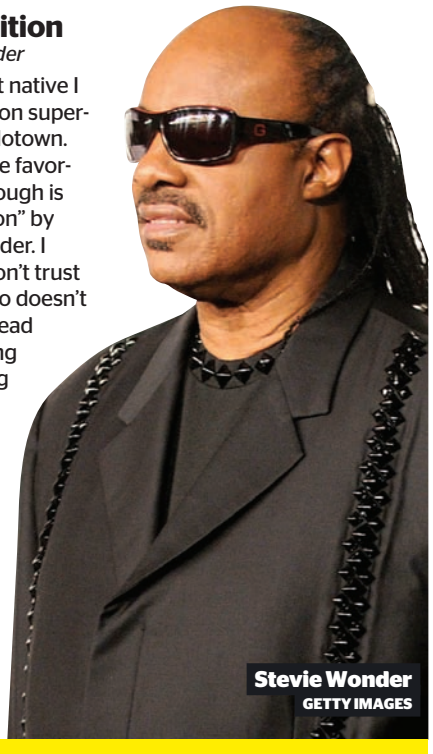
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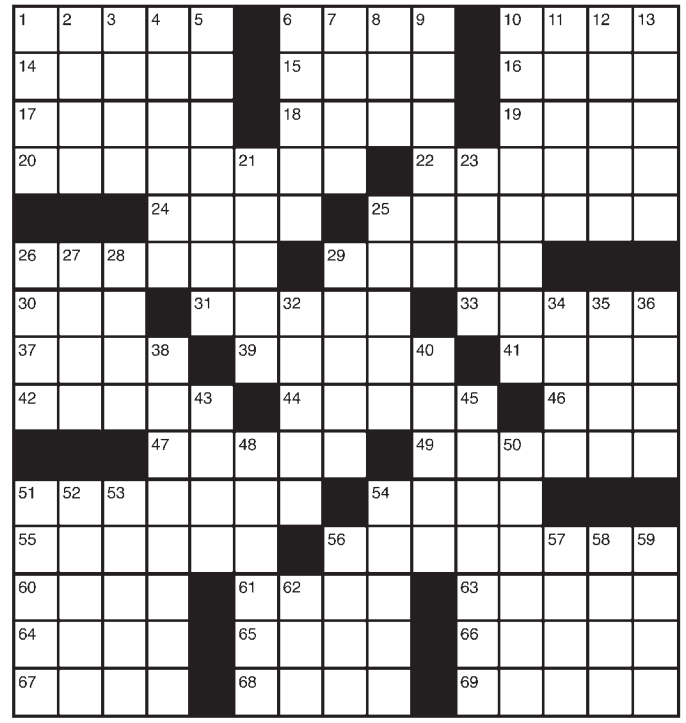
TODAY IN THE YEAR ...

1939: New York's La Guardia Airport began operations as a plane from Chicago landed at 12:01 a.m.
1942: A self-sustaining nuclear chain reaction was demonstrated for the first time, at the University of Chicago.
2001: In one of the largest corporate bankruptcies in U.S. history, Enron filed for Chapter 11 protection.



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29 1/16 of a pound
30 "Much __ About Nothing"
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55 __ No. 5; classic perfume
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60 Rant and __; carry on
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66 "Grimm's Fairy __"
67 State of disarray
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23 Rainbows
25 Lazy __; revolving tray
26 Male red deer
27 Smell
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By Dana Moran
REDEYE

The Situation and those chicks on "16 and Pregnant" know there's great fame to be found through casting calls—and you could be next. (Well, we're hoping you'll use slightly fewer hair products and be slightly less accidentally knocked up, but you get the picture.) Check out these opportunities to become majorly, ridiculously famous—or at least gossip blog-worthy.

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Perfect celeb: Nicki Minaj, Ryan Gosling
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Tough Love

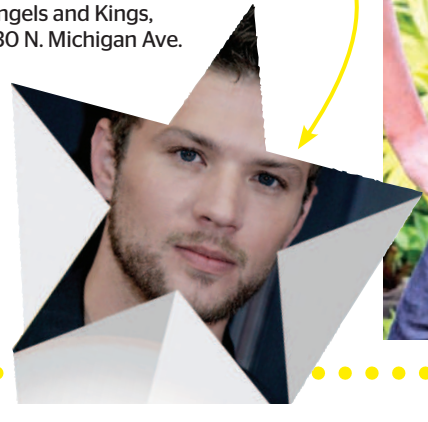
Network: Vh1
Premise: Desperate single ladies go through a boot camp to fix their awful dating habits while living in a house together.
Skills needed: Crying into lots of tissues, dancing on various pole-like objects, throwing multiple liquids into a man's face
Perfect celeb: **Christina Aguilera**, **Halle Berry**, Jennifer Aniston
How to audition: Open casting call from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday at Moe's Cantina, 155 W. Kinzie St.

MasterChef

Network: Fox
Premise: **Gordon Ramsay** yells at a bunch of terrified chefs, who eventually win his respect (we hope) or get canned (ouch). Oh, and Graham Elliot is there.
Skills needed: Not cutting yourself while cooking super-fast, not crying while being yelled at on national TV, having great taste in loud music so Graham will like you
Perfect celeb: The Swedish Chef, Pete Schweddy of "SNL's" "Schweddy Balls"
How to audition: Open casting call from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at Le Cordon Bleu, 361 W. Chestnut St.

Love in the Wild

Network: NBC
Premise: Men and women are paired up to find love on a wild adventure. Does this involve sleeping in a bed with a total stranger on national TV? Yes, yes it does.
Skills needed: For the women, the ability to look all doe-eyed, wear really long nails and create a pillow barrier. For the men, the ability to lift semi-heavy things, paddle a canoe and overcome a pillow barrier.
Perfect celeb: **Ryan Phillippe**, Jennifer Love Hewitt
How to audition: Open casting call from 6-9 p.m. Dec. 14 at Angels and Kings, 230 N. Michigan Ave.



'Love in the Wild' host Darren McMullen

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HOT DATE

JANUARY 18 AND 19

That's when "American Idol" kicks off its 11th season of crushing people's dreams with a two-night premiere, Fox announced Thursday.

THE DIGIT

$2.16 MILLION

That was the winning bid in an online auction for actor Nicolas Cage's near-pristine copy of Action Comics No. 1—the first comic book appearance of Superman, **thr.com** reports. The identity of the winner was not disclosed.

AVONDALE 'SHORE'

Get ready for some fist-pumping, Chicago shoppers. JWoww is coming to the Kmart in Avondale on Saturday. The "Jersey Shore" diva will sign packages of her "JWoww by Jenni Farley" fragrance gift set from noon-2 p.m. at the store, 3443 W. Addison St. Our only question: What does a JWoww smell like?

JWoww
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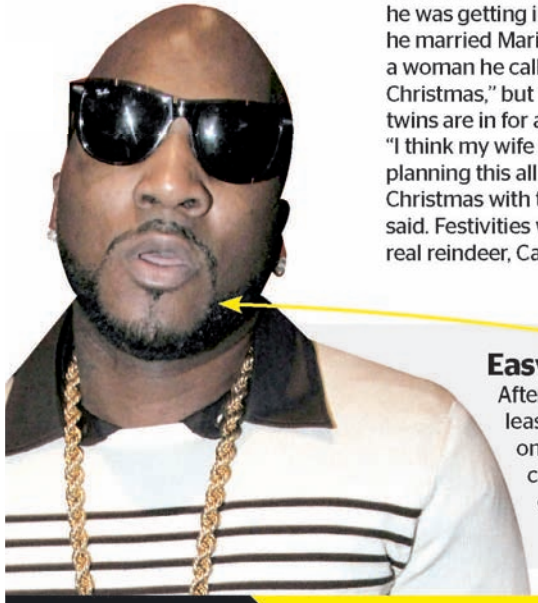
Reindeer? Really?

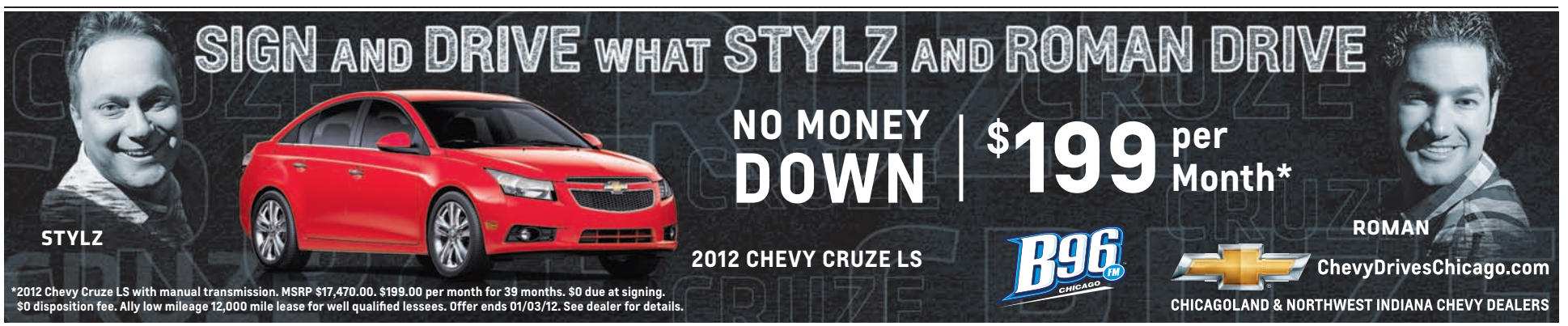
Nick Cannon knew what he was getting into when he married Mariah Carey, a woman he calls "Miss Christmas," but their infant twins are in for a big surprise. "I think my wife has been planning this all her life, Christmas with the kids," he said. Festivities will include real reindeer, Cannon added.

No scrubs allowed

CrazySexyCool fact No. 1: TLC has the greatest "Behind the Music" of all time. CrazySexyCool fact No. 2: VH1 is working with Chili and T-Boz on a TLC biopic, the network announced Thursday. It's the first in an upcoming series of music-related films produced by the music channel.



Easy, Jeezy

After a three-year wait, Young Jeezy will finally release his new album, "TM 103: Hustlerz Ambition," on Dec. 20, and he says it'll be worth it. "I don't care about no radio or no label or no date or no deadlines or no quotas," the rapper told **mtv.com**. "This is for my people."

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